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Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Further to the concurrent filing of the U.S. national stage of PCT Application No.  
PCT/IL03/00254, kindly amend the application as follows prior to examination: